

# The Lewis County Catholic Times

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## The Feast of Corpus Christi and the Miracle of the Eucharist

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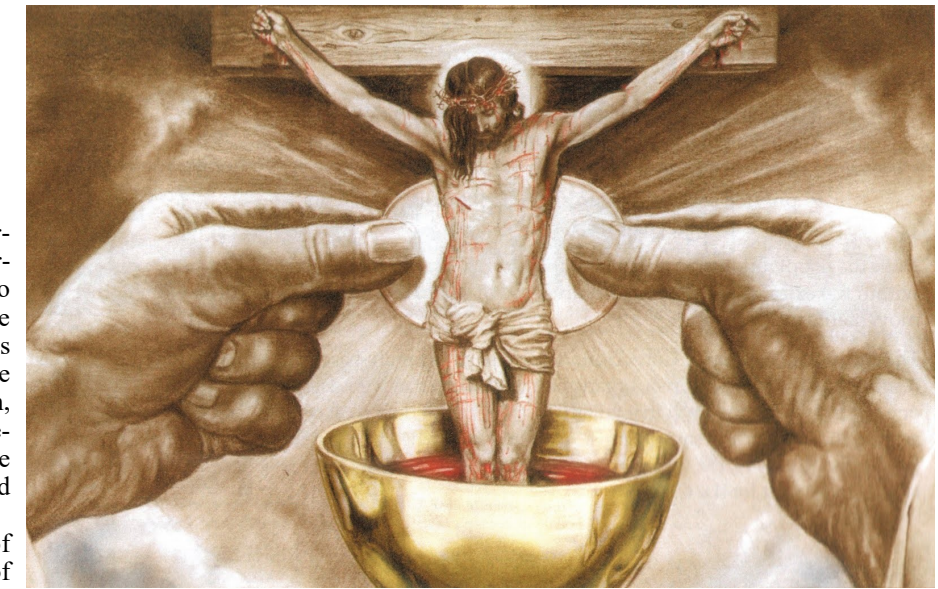
This Sunday in North America marks the Feast of Corpus Christi, also referred to as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. It is a feast dedicated solely to the mystery of the Eucharist, and as such, does not honor one specific event in Jesus' life (as Feasts like Christmas, the Presentation in the Temple, Easter, and the Ascension do.)

In my curiosity about the origins of this celebration, I began to do a bit of research online. What I found was that the Feast of Corpus Christi was not celebrated throughout the entire Catholic Church until the year 1264. But the history goes even deeper than that.

In 1208, St. Juliana of Liege experienced several visions, including one of Christ instructing her to plead for the institution of a feast to honor the Eucharist. She experienced these visions for 20 years, but kept them a secret. She finally told a priest about the visions, who in turn told the local bishop about them. She repeatedly petitioned the bishop to institute the feast, and in 1246, the feast was celebrated throughout the Diocese of Liege for the first time.

In 1264, Pope Urban IV issued a Papal bull, *Transiturus de hoc mundo*, in which the feast of Corpus Christi was made a feast throughout the entire Catholic Church. This came after Pope Urban IV had investigated claims of a Eucharistic Miracle in Bolsena, Italy, in 1263, in which it was reported that a Consecrated Host began to bleed. Whether or not this miracle had anything to do with the Pope's decision to institute the feast remains unknown, but it does bring me to my next point perfectly.

Jesus, in giving us the Eucharist, makes several different statements about the Eucharist being His Body and Blood. Perhaps the most well known of these passages comes from the Gospel of John, chapter 6, verses 32-59. This passage is often referred to as the Bread of Life discourse, in which Jesus proclaims "I am the Bread of Life. You who come to



me shall not hunger, and you who believe in me shall not thirst." This passage is one of the most beautiful passages pertaining to the Eucharist, because in it, Jesus lays out for us exactly what we must do to have life in Him. Let's look for a moment at verses 48-58 of John chapter 6.

*"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us (his) flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats*

*this bread will live forever."*

There is a lot to digest in this passage. First off, we have the double sacrifice of Jesus giving his flesh both in the Eucharist, and on the Cross at Calvary. We also see in this passage that Jesus refers to his body as "true food" and his blood as "true drink." This is not to indicate that these should be our only forms of nourishment, but rather that the Body and Blood of Christ Jesus are to be our spiritual food and drink for "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him." And the life that we will have is life eternal. So, the Eucharist is not nourishment for our bodies, but rather for our souls.

But of course, in order for the Eucharist to have any meaning, we must believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine we offer at Mass, and that the mere bread and wine, by the miracle of Transubstantiation, cease to

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be bread and wine, and become the Body and Blood, soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ. Of course many have doubted this revelation, but throughout history, Jesus has given us many signs of His true presence in the Eucharist.

There are numerous well known, widely venerated Eucharistic Miracles that have occurred throughout the History of the Catholic Church. Many of these miracles have to do with Blood appearing on a host, or Hosts being preserved after a fire has occurred, but there is one miracle that I would like to highlight in particular, which is one of the first, and possibly one of the greatest Eucharistic Miracles that has ever occurred.

In Lanciano, Italy, in the 8th Century, there was a priest who was having doubts about Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist. One day, he was celebrating Mass, and after he had spoken the words of the Consecration, the Host was changed into live Flesh retaining the exact same dimensions as the Host, and the wine was changed into live Blood, which coagulated in the chalice, forming five globules, irregular in shape and size. (The number is significant, because that is the number of wounds that Christ endured while he was on the cross: two in his hands, two in his feet, and the one to his side.) The flesh and blood can still be observed today, and have not deteriorated or decayed, despite the fact that they have not been preserved by "scientific" means.

In the 1970's and 80's, an extensive analysis was done on the relics from the Lanciano miracle. Here are the results: the Flesh is real Flesh. The Blood is real Blood.

- The Flesh and the Blood belong to the human species.
- The Flesh consists of the muscular tissue of the heart.

- In the Flesh we see present in section: the myocardium, the endocardium, the vagus nerve and also the left ventricle of the heart for the large thickness of the myocardium.
- The Flesh is a "HEART" complete in its essential structure.
- The Flesh and the Blood have the same blood-type: AB (Blood-type identical to that which Prof. Baima Bollone uncovered in the Holy Shroud of Turin).
- In the Blood there were found proteins in the same normal proportions (percentage-wise) as are found in the sero-proteic make-up of the fresh normal blood.
- In the Blood there were also found these minerals: chlorides, phosphorus, magnesium, potassium, sodium and calcium.
- The preservation of the Flesh and of the Blood, which were left in their natural state for twelve centuries and exposed to the action of atmospheric and biological agents, remains an extraordinary phenomenon.

Science cannot explain what we hold as true: That Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God, is alive, and is truly present in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Through his priests, he gives us His Body and Blood, so that we may come to know Eternal life through Him. And so, on this Feast of Corpus Christi, let us pray that the faithful around the world may seek to come to a deeper understanding of this great mystery of the Eucharist, and may come to exhibit a greater sense of reverence, awe, and wonder as they receive this most Holy and Blessed Sacrament. And may the Most Holy Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, bring Eternal Life to all who receive it faithfully. Amen.

*This article first appeared on the blog of Salt & Light TV on June 24, 2011.*

## Parish Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- ◆ **Those who are sick:** Robert Fealy, (Cleveland Clinic) Luanne Cunningham, (Health South), Glenn Bragg, Nick Bakas, James Carni, Steve Colburn, Larry Dodson, Rose Determan, Mary Ann Edwards, Marsha Garton, Chuck Gildein (Jim Gildein's father), Mary Groover, Bobby Gill, Jim Kerrigan, Shelly Kraus, Jeff Linger, Mary Ann Murray, Julieta Rilling, Burke Riley, Mike Riley, Tim Rinehart
- ◆ **Those who have died:** May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- ◆ **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**
- ◆ **All Military Personnel:** Alan Hamilton, Aaron Hamilton

### Ministry Schedule for Next Weekend

#### Saturday, June 24, 2017

Greeters:	Rudy and Karen Pascasio
Servers:	Haley & Emily Kiro, Makenna West
Reader:	Joe Derico
Offertory:	Kiro family
EMHC:	Tom Ruppert
Cantor:	Bob Thompson

#### Sunday, June 25, 2017

Greeters:	Jim and Tammy Arsenault
Servers:	Brady Jordan, Morgan Turner, Ethan Mehr
Reader:	Joe Flesher
Offertory:	Jordan family
EMHC:	Marissa Aman
Cantor:	Jeremy Garton

#### June Linens:

**June Funeral Greeters:** Jim Bohan and Shirley Hubbs

### Weekly Attendance & Collection

Saturday:	90
Sunday:	184
Latin Mass:	30

General:	\$3507
Loan:	\$1250
School:	\$167
Latin	\$305

#### Upcoming Collections and Appeals

July 15 & 16: Catholic Communications

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### June

22 Thu: 6pm, Pastoral Council meeting  
26-30: 9 - 12: Vacation Bible School

### July

6 Thu: 6pm, *SoulCore*, cafeteria  
13 Thu: 6pm, Finance Council meeting  
24-27: 9am - 1pm, Jarrod West Basketball Camp, gym

## This Week's Liturgical Calendar

#### Saturday— June 17

Saturday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time

6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for People of the Parish  
RDGS: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mt 5:33-37

#### Sunday — June 18

##### THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

8:45a Confessions  
9:30a Mass for All Fathers, living and deceased  
RDGS: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58  
11:45a Confessions  
12:30p Mass (Latin) for †Mr. & Mrs. Marc McLaughlin by Joe, Jack & John McLaughlin

*Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

#### Monday — June 19

*Saint Romuald, Abbot*

8:15a Mass for Special Intentions  
RDGS: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 94:1-4; Mt 5:38-42

#### Tuesday — June 20

Tuesday of the Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time

8:15a Mass for †Carolyn Gissy by Junior and Veronica Brumley  
RDGS: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5- 9a; Mt 5:43-48

#### Wednesday — June 21

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

5:00p Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
5:05p Confessions  
5:30p Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena  
5:45p Benediction  
6:00p Mass for †Clarence Weber by family  
RDGS: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

#### Thursday — June 22

*Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs*

8:15a Mass for †Alice Murray by Mary Lou Weber  
RDGS: 2 Cor 11:1 - 11; Ps 111:1-4, 7 - 8; Mt 6:7-15

#### Friday — June 23

##### THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

8:15a Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood  
RDGS: Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

#### Saturday— June 24

##### THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for †Mike Rafferty by Sue Rafferty  
RDGS: Is 49:1 - 6 ; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22 - 26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

#### Sunday — June 25

##### TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:45a Confessions  
9:30a Mass for People of the Parish  
RDGS: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:16-33  
11:45a Confessions  
12:30p Mass (Latin) for †James Blake by Dan and Sandra Mick

*Nativity of St. John the Baptist*

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please contact the parish office or use one of the envelopes in the vestibule to schedule your Mass Intentions.

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pastor@spchurchweston.net

Sandra Mick, Parish Secretary  
secretary@spchurchweston.net

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday, 6:00 p.m.,  
Sunday, 9:30 a.m.,  
12:30 p.m. (Latin)

**Weekday Masses:** M, T, Th, F, 8:15 a.m. Wed., 6:00 p.m.

**Confessions:** Wednesday and Saturday, 5:00pm, Sunday, 8:45 & 11:45 a.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** See Weekly Schedule

*(See Weekly Schedule for any changes to times or location!)*

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

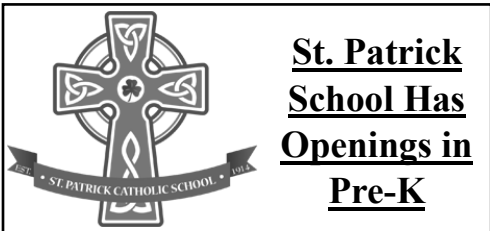
Sunday: 10:30 - 12:30  
Monday: 9 - 4  
Tuesday: 9 - 4  
Wednesday: 9 - 1  
Thursday: 1 - 8  
Friday: 9 - 1

**Prayer Chain:** Micki Snyder, 304 269-3688 or 304 476-8819

### St. Patrick Catholic School

*Pre-School – 8th Grade*  
224 Center Ave.  
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www.stpatswv.org  
304-269-5547  
email: st.pats@stpatswv.org

Maureen Gildein, Principal  
Regina Frazier, Secretary



## St. Patrick School Has Openings in Pre-K

St. Patrick School has a few openings in Pre-K for the 2017-2018 school year. These opening don't last long. We are accepting students in K through 8th grade as well. For more information, visit our website at [www.stpatswv.org](http://www.stpatswv.org) or call the school office at 269-5547.

## CAMP BOSCO

(4weeks to choose from!)

July 2 - 8  
July 9 - 15  
July 16 - 22  
July 23 - 29

grades 3rd-12th.

Cost is \$315.00 per child  
(Scholarships are available)

Registrations for Camp Bosco are being accepted. All parish youth are encouraged to come spend a week of fun, adventure, and prayer.

Applications are available online at [campbosco.com](http://campbosco.com).

## Weston Vicariate C.A.M.P. (Catholic Awareness Mid-summer Program)

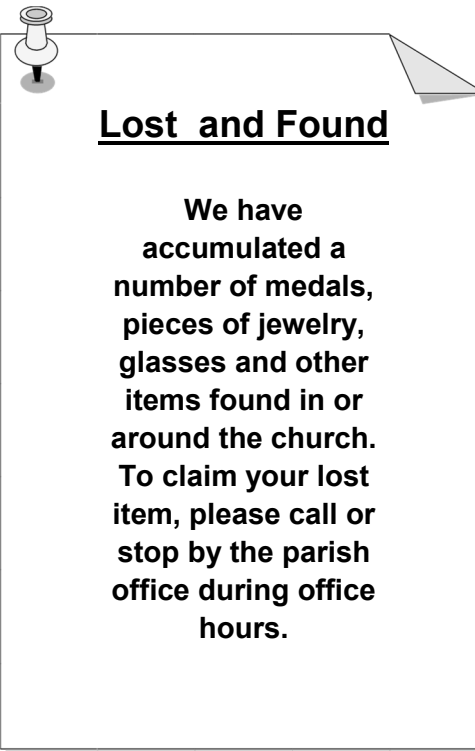
July 30 - August 5!  
COST: \$200

Families with more than one child attending will pay \$100 for each additional child. Scholarships are available!

Registration forms are in the church office. Spots are filled on a first come, first serve basis!

### REGISTER TODAY!

C.A.M.P. is staffed entirely by volunteers and is held at Camp Bosco in Huttonsville.



## Lost and Found

We have accumulated a number of medals, pieces of jewelry, glasses and other items found in or around the church. To claim your lost item, please call or stop by the parish office during office hours.

## How Can I Help?

The following items are collected continually at our church.

- Snack food items for our back-pack food program.
- Box tops, Coke reward points for the school.
- Used ink cartridges and can tabs for Ronald McDonald House.
- Old towels, sheets, and blankets for animal rescues, shelters, and vet offices.
- NEW socks collected by the Catholic Daughters to be donated to homeless shelters.

## Pope Francis "Tweets" @ Pontifex

"There is much need of prayer and penitence to implore the grace of conversion and an end to the many wars throughout the world. "

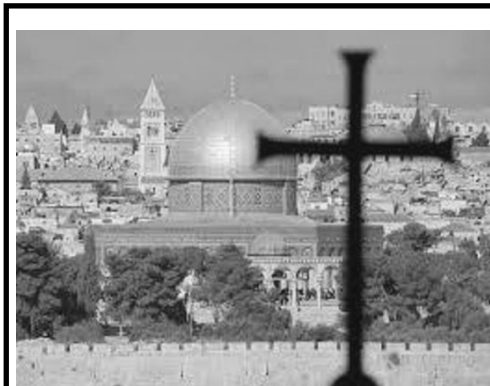
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## Jarrold West Basketball Camp

July 24-27  
9am - 1pm  
St. Pat's gym

Boys grades K - 7  
Girls grades K - 8  
\$100  
(Lunch is included.)

Parents and guardians, please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the start of camp on July 24 to register your child!



## Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Join Fr. DeViese on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in May 2018. The trip will include visits to all major Biblical sites, including the holiest sites in Christianity in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, and the Sea of Galilee. (Also, a possibility of an optional extension trip to Rome for a few days at the end.)

Stay updated on cost and final itinerary by signing up for information at:

[www.travelillum.com/trc/lpa](http://www.travelillum.com/trc/lpa)

Those who sign up through the website will be given first priority once registration opens.

## Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Second Sunday after Pentecost



"Bring in here the poor, and the crippled" (Gospel).

Last Thursday was the Feast of Corpus Christi. This Mass sets forth the *social graces* flowing from the "Body of Christ" into the "large place" (Introit) of everyday life; how Divine Providence will "never fail to govern" (Prayer) and direct the social order. We can learn to "love the brethren" when "we have come to know His love" (Epistle), in His Sacrament and Sacrifice of Love. This is the one true guarantee of unity amongst men. Then, and only then, will they recognize neighbor as "brother."

The Gospel, in story form, illustrates the attitude of different individuals towards the "great supper" of this Divine Bread. All are invited; some stay away, offering the "excuse" of business or pleasure, like the man with his "oxen" (seen in the distance through the window). The picture represents all the suffering masses and classes, ready to commune with one another because they have communed at the "supper" altar rail. Frequently must we commune (Postcommunion).

— Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

## Liturgical Calendar for the Traditional Latin Mass During the Week

06/19	St. Julia of Falconieri, <i>Virgin</i>
06/20	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
06/21	St. AloysiusGonzaga, Confessor
06/22	St. Paulinus of Nola, <i>Bishop &amp; Confessor</i>
06/23	Sacred Heart of Jesus
06/24	External Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

## St. Pat's Vacation Bible School June 26 - June 30 9 am to Noon



\$20 per child

\$30 per family

*Scholarships available*

Boot Camp is back to basics-- basics of our Catholic faith. Join us for five days of chants, games, yummy snacks, and fun!

Registration forms are in the vestibule and the Parish Office.

## VBS Volunteers Needed!

We are seeking volunteers to help out with Vacation Bible School this summer. Lots of jobs available: coordinating activities, snack preparation, crafts, games, general crowd control, etc.

To sign up, please send an email to Deborah Stevens (Fr. Josh Stevens' mom) at: [deborah.stevens.stevens@gmail.com](mailto:deborah.stevens.stevens@gmail.com)

## Kids' Corner Catechesis

How Can God Be Three Persons And One Person At The Same Time?

We don't know *how* God can be three persons at the same time, but we know he is because the Bible tells us so. The idea of three in one (the Trinity) is very hard to understand. Some people use the example of water. Water can be a liquid, a gas, or a solid. We usually see water in liquid form, as when we use it for drinking or for taking a bath. But water can also be a gas, as when it turns to steam. And it can be a solid, in the form of ice. But whether liquid, gas, or solid, it's still water. In some ways God is like a family with father, mother, and child - three persons and one family. Just remember that the Trinity does not mean that we have three gods. There is one God with three persons. The Trinity also does not mean that God wears three hats, or takes on three roles, at different times. All three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - have always existed.

## Key Verses

[Jesus is speaking] "So now go and make disciples in all the nations. Baptize them into the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)

## Related Verse

Matthew 3:16-17; John 14:7, 9-10

## Parish Store

Don't forget to check out our parish store, located in the Parish Office Building! There are many religious articles, books, rosaries, statues, etc. available. Catalogs are available for ordering.

**OPEN** (When the parish office is open.)

Sunday: 10:30 - 12:30, Monday: 9 - 4, Tuesday: 9 - 4, Wednesday: 9 - 1, Thursday: 1 - 8, Friday: 9 - 1